

MIDWAY BIOGRAPHIES

and played an influential role in the Revolutionary War.

Norton became acquainted with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and espoused it with all his heart. He and his wife were baptized members on March 15, 1841 at La Harpe, Ill.

Norton received much opposition from his family, who told him they would rather he be dead than a Mormon. He finally was able to convert his father to The Church, and Udney Jacob became a strong member.

A skilled carpenter and cabinet maker, Norton was called to work on the Nauvoo Temple during its construction. He also assisted in building wagons for the trek of the saints westward. His wage for a winter spent building wagons was a wagon.

Norton began the trek to the west, but was forced to leave his wife and family of six at Baker's Camp, some five days' travel from Winter Quarters. Here their seventh child, a girl, was born. Norton continued on West with the first company of saints and on the first night in the valley of the Great Salt Lake plowed three acres of ground and planted various crops the next day.

After seeing his company safely in the valley Norton turned eastward to join his wife and family and bring them west. During the trip west in 1848 his son Oliver became ill and died enroute. His son Lucian was a great help to Emily and the family, as Norton had many responsibilities with the company he was directing.

After settling in Salt Lake Norton was made foreman of the carpenters and joiners working on the temple block. He married five wives under polygamy, three of whom bore him no children.

Norton spent 10 years in Salt Lake in construction projects, and then obtained a farm on Mill Creek, later moving to Spanish Fork and then coming to Heber City July, 1860. He moved to Midway in 1862 and was part of the Fort Spring. He was elected justice of the peace in Midway. In later years he moved to American Fork and then Glenwood, Sevier County, where he died.

His wife, Emily, was a constant support to him throughout his life. She bore him 11 children, and her uncomplaining attitude, coupled with her faith, courage and fortitude, were a comfort to Norton.

Children of Norton and Emily were:  
Elsie Pamela, married Jessie Snyder

husband  
Wife

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Norton Jacob

Another one of Midway's early settlers was Norton Jacob. He was born on August 11, 1804, in Sheffield, Mass., the son of ancestors who played an influential role in the Revolutionary War. In 1830, he married Emily Heaton, and they together in 1841, joined the LDS Church.

Because Norton was a skilled carpenter and cabinet maker, he was called to work on the construction of the Nauvoo Temple. He also helped in the building of the wagons to carry the saints westward, for which he received a wagon to carry his own family to Utah.

Circumstances forced Norton to leave his family behind at Baker's Camp, while he proceeded on to the Salt Lake Valley. After his arrival, he plowed three acres of land and planted various crops, before returning east to bring his family out west.

The Jacob family made their home in Salt Lake and while they were there, Norton was made foreman of the carpenters and joiners working on the Temple block. Also while there, he married four more women, under the polygamy belief.

After ten years in Salt Lake, he moved to Mill Creek, then to Spanish Fork, and then to Heber City. In 1862, he moved his family to Midway and was part of the Midway Fort String. While in Midway, he was elected Justice of the Peace. Later, he moved to American Fork, then to Glenwood, where he passed away.